

**MONTEREY PARK ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
February 13, 2018**

The Environmental Commission of the City of Monterey Park held a Regular Meeting of the Commission in the Engineering Conference Room, located at 320 West Newmark Avenue in the City of Monterey Park, Tuesday, February 13, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Wong called the meeting to order at 6:12 p.m.

FLAG SALUTE:

Chair Wong led the flag salute.

ROLL CALL:

Chair Wong called the roll:

Commissioners Present: Shirley Hwong, Karl Wong, Jenelle Dhing, and Sam Cheung

Commissioners Absent: Richard Mai

Youth Advisors Present: Kailey Ogawa-Monroe and Celeste Chan

Youth Advisors Absent: None

ALSO PRESENT: Principal Management Analyst Bonnie Tam, Planet Savers Founder / Mark Keppel High School Student Stanley Lin, Monterey Park Resident Tammy Sam, and Tesla Sustainable Energy Advisor Vic Aguilar

AGENDA ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, CHANGES AND ADOPTIONS

None.

ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

1. PRESENTATION

None.

2. OLD BUSINESS

2-A. PLANNING OF EARTH DAY FESTIVAL AND BIKE RIDE 2018

The Commission continues to plan for the Earth Day Festival and Bike Ride. Chair Wong briefed the Commission on a list of potential exhibitors and sponsors. There are 16 confirmed exhibitors for Earth Day Festival and five confirmed exhibitors/speakers for the EcoSummit, which will be included in this year's festival. Planet Savers Founder / Mark Keppel High School Student Lin suggested that the City to provide a small riser and audio system for the speakers from EcoSummit. The Commission approved this request. Principal Management Analyst Tam will check with the Recreation and Community Services Department and report this back to the Commission at next regular meeting.

Next, Chair Wong briefed the Commission on confirmed sponsorships. The San Gabriel Valley Water Management District will sponsor \$2,000 and SoCalGas will donate \$1,000 to the Earth Day Festival and Bike Ride event. Co-Chair Hwong also briefed the Commission that she was able to solicit and receive several small donations from our local businesses to be used as bike ride grand prizes as follows:

- (2) \$50 gift certificates from Alhambra Car Wash
- (2) complimentary certificates for Sunday Brunch for two guests at Luminarias Restaurant
- (1) \$25 gift card from Sprouts Farmers Market

Principal Management Analyst Tam reminded the Commission that all sponsorship information must be provided to the City no later than Friday, February 23, 2018 in order to modify information on the flyer and meet the deadline of publication of *Cascades* April Issue. Chair Wong will contact BikeSGV to coordinate the Bike Ride and the Bike Ride start point will be moved to Barnes Park by Ramona near Monterey Park Bruggemeyer Library this year. Student Advisor Ogawa-Monroe will bring 15 volunteers from Mark Keppel High School to help out at the bike ride and festival.

Invited by Commissioner Cheung, Tesla Sustainable Energy Advisor Vic Aguilar joined the meeting and discussed the possibility of participating and/or sponsoring the event. Commissioners briefed the guest what city events and projects the Environmental Commission is currently involved in, including the promotion of demonstration garden project, Earth Day Festival and Bike Ride, and hosting educational field trips. Principal Management Analyst Tam also showcased the event flyers and discussed various environmental events that the City will be hosting and coordinating in upcoming months, including the monthly LA County Household Hazardous Waste and E-Waste Roundup event, Compost Giveaway, Smart Gardening Workshops, Spring Cleaning Day, and Earth Day Festival.

Tesla Sustainable Energy Advisor Vic Aguilar suggested that the City considers replacing the green lawn at City Hall with drought-tolerant landscape to serve as an example to the residents. He further stated that the city of South Pasadena and the city of Sierra Madre utilize drought-tolerant landscape at their City Hall.

3. NEW BUSINESS

3-A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approve the minutes from the special meeting of January 23, 2018.

Action Taken: The Environmental Commission approved the minutes from the regular meeting of January 23, 2018.

Motion: Co-Chair Hwong moved to approve the January 23, 2018 minutes and Commissioner Dhing seconded, motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes:	Commissioners:	Hwong, Wong, Dhing, Cheung
Noes:	Commissioners:	None
Absent:	Commissioners:	Mai
Abstain:	Commissioners:	None

3-B. MONTEREY PASS ROAD COMPLETE STREETS BIKE PROJECT

Principal Management Analyst Tam briefed the Commission on the Monterey Pass Road Complete Streets Bike Project. This 5-year project is a MTA 2015 Call for Project and the City is awarded \$2 million to build a protected bike lane along Monterey Pass Road from Floral to Fremont. A community meeting was held on December 14, 2017 to invite businesses on Monterey Pass Road to gather feedback and to allow interested persons to view project exhibits and ask questions or express concerns. The project was presented to the City Council at the January 17, 2018 Council meeting and it was approved by the City Council.

4. COMMISSION COMMUNICATIONS

Co-Chair Hwong announced that the Monterey Park Democratic Club is honoring CACA President Charles Mau and Community Participation Commissioner Carol Sullivan for their contribution to the community at Empress Harbor on February 22, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. (Reception) and 7:00 p.m. (Dinner). Dinner is \$25 per person.

Chair Wong announced that there will be a San Gabriel Valley Water Forum scheduled for September 18, 2018 at the Fairplex Center in Pomona. Updates to follow at future regular commission meetings.

Principal Management Analyst Tam announced that the next LA County Household Hazardous Waste and E-Waste Roundup event will be hosted at the City of San Gabriel Public Works Yard on March 3, 2018 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Flyers are available at City Hall Public Works counter.

Principal Management Analyst Tam announced that the City is collaborating with LA County to host a Smart Gardening Workshop at Garvey Ranch Park on March 10, 2018 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Flyers are available at City Hall Public Works counter.

Principal Management Analyst Tam announced that the City is collaborating with Athens Services to host an annual Compost Giveaway event at Garvey Ranch Park on March 17, 2018 from 9:00 a.m. to noon. Flyers are available at City Hall Public Works counter.

Principal Management Analyst Tam announced that the Sanitation District is hosting an Earth Day event at Sanitation District Parking Lot on April 14, 2018 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Flyers are available at City Hall Public Works counter.

Principal Management Analyst Tam announced that the City is collaborating with Athens Services to host an annual Spring Cleaning Day at Service Club Parking Lot on April 28, 2018 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. More details to follow and flyers will be available at City Hall Public Works counter.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business for consideration, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45p.m.



Bonnie Tam
Staff Liaison to the Environmental Commission
City of Monterey Park

Approved on March 13, 2018 at the Environmental Commission regular meeting